

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/993,532

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to April 4, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-4, 6, 8-11, 13, 15-18, and 20.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

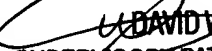
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THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE.

4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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DETAILED ACTION

Examiner's Amendment

1. An Examiner's amendment to the specification and abstract appears below.

Should the changes be unacceptable to the applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

2. An Examiner's amends the abstract, because the abstract exceeds 150 words and thus it is not in accordance with 37 CFR 1.72.

3. The application has been amended as follows:

In the Abstract, replace the old Abstract with the new Abstract on the following page:

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A system and method for configuring a unique computer name record for an information handling system included in a network of a plurality of information handling systems. The method and system for dynamically generating a unique computer name for each information handling system that is connected to a network of information handling systems includes reading a service tag identifier that uniquely identifies the information handling system, incorporating at least a portion of the service tag identifier to define the unique computer name record; and using a substantially similar boot program to boot the information handling system and the plurality of information handling systems.

DETAILED ACTION

Reasons for Allowance

1. For claim 1, the reasons for allowances have been stated in the prior Office action, dated December 30, 2005.

To restate the Office's position, claim 1's limitation "prior to the boot up of the network of information handling systems" is not shown by the references cited in the prior Office actions. The references of record include Bourke-Dunphy et al. (Pat. No. US 6,449,642, Bourke hereinafter) and French et al (U.S. Pat. No. 6,442,685, French hereinafter). The Office has performed further searches; no prior art references that contains the proper limitation in the context of the claim has been found.

In view of the foregoing reasons, none of the references anticipates the independent claim

1. The claim is not viewed as obvious, because the relevant references do not suggest or teach how or why the computer which has a freshly installed operating system must be booted prior to the boot up of the network.
2. The reasons for allowance for claim 1 apply to other independent claims, for substantively the same reasons.

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Conclusion

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ji-Yong D. Chung whose telephone number is (571) 272-7988. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday 9:30-6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Wiley can be reached on (571) 272-3923. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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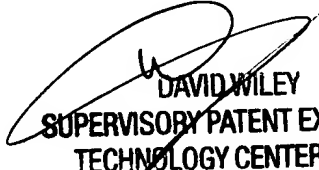
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